

Topics for Monthly PHL Conference Calls

April – December, 2009

Date	Topic
April 7	Quality indicator monitors. Examples to include unlabeled specimens. Discuss what strategies have been used to improve performance in specific areas. Include the methods used to measure performance.
May 5	Corrected reports vs. Amended reports What defines a corrected report? What defines an amended report?
June 2	Specimen labeling and acceptability criteria Is there a lab wide policy at your PHL lab?
July 7	Biomonitoring. What methods are certified for use in your PHL? Discuss logistical concerns with bringing this testing on line in the PHL. Is this testing being held to CLIA standards for human testing?
August 4	All hazard testing. What types of hazard testing are performed on samples received for BT and CT agents?
September 1	FERN labs Discuss logistics of staffing these labs and other issues associated with bringing a FERN lab on line at the PHL.
October 6	The eleven core functions of the PHL. What is your lab doing to ensure that these functions are performed? How do you monitor your performance on these eleven core functions?
November 3	ISO standards – 9000, 17025, 15189 What are labs following? How do you interpret these standards? Are they mandatory or voluntary in your lab? Discuss training in relation to these standards.
December 1	TB testing. Discuss new molecular methods used or currently under evaluation at the PHL.